Legislation for fee structure of private medical colleges

663. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider of bringing legislation for regulating admission and fee structure in private medical colleges in the light of the Supreme Court judgment in August, 2003, in the case of Islamic Academy of Education Vs. State of Karnataka, that capitation fee should not be charged by private medical colleges and should only charge the fee;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether Government have held discussion with any of the stakeholders in this connection.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of private medical colleges in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Yes ,Sir. Keeping in view various judgements of the Supreme Court of India (Judgements in the cases of TMA Pai foundations, Islamic Academy of Education and Other Versus State of Karnataka and Others; and P.A. Inamdar Versus State of Maharashtra and Others) a draft central legislation namely "Private Medical Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fee) Bill" for regulating admission and fee structure in private medical colleges has been circulated among the states and concerned nodal Ministeries of the Government for their comments. Comments of certain State Government have been received and the bill is being finalized.

Assistance for cancer affected children

†664. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a fund for providing financial assistance to the children for the treatment of deadly disease like cancer;

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